

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to update the continuing data on page 1 as required by the Examiner.

Claims 5, 10 and 15 have been amended to correct a minor informality that has no impact on the patentability of these claims.

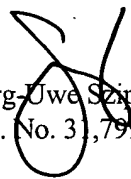
No new matter has been added to the application by this amendment.

In addition, Applicant files herewith a timely terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) with accompanying fee. By timely filing the terminal disclaimer in the present application, Applicant has mooted the nonstatutory double patenting rejection of claims 1-50, based on a judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, over either claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent 5,819,241 or claims 1-35 of U.S. Patent 6,178,411.

For all of the reasons above, claims 1-50 are in condition for allowance and a prompt notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for applicant.

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MARKED UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES

6. (Amended) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

(et) calculating a specific delivery charge based on said recipient data, recording said specific delivery charge associated with the one of the letters and parcels and applying the delivery charge to the one of the letters and parcels.

10. (Amended) The method as recited in claim 6, further comprising:

(et) calculating a specific delivery charge based on said sender data, recording said specific delivery charge associated with the one of the letters and parcels and applying the delivery charge to the one of the letters and parcels.

15. (Amended) The method as recited in claim 11, further comprising:

(et) calculating a specific delivery charge based on said sender data and said recipient data, recording said specific delivery charge associated with the one of the letters and parcels and applying the postage.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

This is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 09/113,2000, which was filed on July 10, 1998, and which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,178,411 B1 on January 23, 2001, which, in turn, is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 08/863,631, which was filed on May 27, 1997, and which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,819,241 on October 6, 1998, and which, in turn, is a continuation-in-part of Provisional Patent Application No. 60/018,468, filed May 28, 1996 and now abandoned. The

complete disclosure of each of these applications are incorporated herein by reference.